

Maternity and Plan First Update for ADPH and Medicaid

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The Difference

- Medicaid Maternity – prescriptions at a pharmacy
- Plan First waiver-prescriptions for the pills, patch or ring not accepted at the pharmacy
- Must take a Plan First Patient Contraceptive Order Form completed by their Plan First Family Planning provider to a County Health Department

Why The Change?

- Change in Pharmacy law
 - Increases could be as high as \$9 million annually
- Risk to budget neutrality for the program

Solution

- Distribute the pills/patch/ring to the Private Provider patients through the County Health Department
- New limited non-billable encounter
 - Counseling using the method consent forms
 - Pill/Patch/ Ring issuance

Benefits To The Patient

- Less pick up needed
 - Pharmacy has monthly pick up
- Additional education regarding method chosen
 - Perhaps leading to better compliance
- Opportunity to receive Care Coordination Services
 - Lower birth rates
 - Easier access

How Does It Work?

- Need to see a Plan First provider
- If the chosen method is the pill, patch or vaginal ring, bring the completed Plan First Patient Contraceptive Order Form to the county health department